

July 23, 2013. 7:11 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes - Town Hall, 116 Main Road

Board Members Present: Peter Curtin, Christopher Johnson and Gerard Miller.

Others Present: Leslie Beebe, Road Superintendent; Molly Curtin-Schaefer, Town Administrator; Joseph Delmolino, Charles Slater, Jr., William Roche, Thomas Fennelly, Andrew Slater, John Howard, James Curtin, Denise Curtin.

Previous minutes were approved and signed. The mail was read. The Treasury warrants were approved. Birthday cards were signed.

Clint Elliott was in and asked to put another stone on his lot at the Cemetery. Richard Loring told Mr. Elliott that one stone was allowed. Mr. Elliott stated the By-Laws allow for more than one stone. William Roche asked if Mr. Elliott may be exempt to the By-Law as he purchased the lot prior to the regulations. The Board asked that the Cemetery Commission review the By-Laws to make sure the current rules are in our By-Law booklet and to research the issues of how many stones are aloud.

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Gerard Miller made a motion that all standing committees and boards be designated as Special Municipal Employees. (SEE ATTACHED LIST and LETTER)

We will notify the Ethics Commission and the Town Clerk. Chris Johnson seconded. no opposition.

TREE BID OPENING: 7:30 pm

Barrett Tree Service \$ 18,000.00

John Field \$17,000.000

Chris Johnson made a motion to accept John Field's bid for the removal of trees, Gerard Miller seconded no opposition.

APPOINTMENTS:

Annual appointments were made see attached slate. All positions hi-lighted in yellow were reappointed as listed. Gerard Miller made the motion to appoint all except the exceptions, Chris Johnson seconded, No opposition.

Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, 1st Asst. Fire Chief, 2nd Asst. Fire Chief.

(Held from this vote).

The following appointments with exceptions were held until the Board can clarify some information:

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission - Liaison: TAC appointee, PB delegate. The Planning Board will recommend the delegates to the Select Board. **Community Emergency Response Coordinator.** The Board needs clarification as to why we have this position. **Police Officer/Traffic Officer-** a review of the differences in titles and duties will be researched. **Town Counsel** - A contract of services may be drawn up. A question regarding the name of the law office was also discussed.

Gerard Miller made a motion to appoint the following slate for the fire company: Charles Slater, Jr. was appointed Fire Chief, David Garner was appointed "Administrative Only" Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Kimberly appointed as 1st Assistant Fire Chief and William Roche as 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

Denise Curtin asked how the Board could appoint members to a board when they owe back taxes to this town. Gerard Miller stated there are currently no laws against it and maybe it should be looked into. He further stated that any monies paid for the positions that are held by people owning back taxes are applied toward their unpaid bills. It is a tradeoff for a skill set. Peter Curtin made a motion to dissolve the Civil Defense position as this is now called Emergency Management. Gerard Miller seconded, no opposition.

Christopher Johnson asked who would be communicating with the board? He stated the Fire Company could become a "Fire District" since they want to be private and separate from the town. Charles Slater said he would be communicating with the board.

Andrew Slater asked if the Fire Company could have gas cards. He will not use his for the Fire Company as his name and pin are on his card. The Fire Company was not given cards as Mimi and Molly thought they could use Andy Slater's. The issue is the cards are issued with names printed on the card- under this new program from the Commonwealth of Mass and since annual appointments were not made when we joined the program, we did not know who's names should be on these cards. Gerard Miller asked how much gasoline a fire truck holds? "Around 50 gallons" stated Charles Slater. Gerard Miller stated he thought the Fire Company should have a card. It was decided that all the Fire Chief's will be ordered gas cards.

NEWS LETTER: Gerard Miller and Chris Johnson devised a newsletter to be posted. Peter Curtin will look over the letter and make recommendations. This will be sent out after the next meeting.

Christopher Johnson asked that a sign-up sheet for wood be placed at the post office and on the web site. If the Town has wood to get rid of and people want wood from the Town they should sign up on this list.

Charles Slater, Jr. stated that the Selectmen caused confusion for at least another year by appointing James Curtin as Forest Fire Warden as the Fire Chief is usually the Forest Fire Warden. After discussion of the appointment-Gerard Miller made a motion to rescind the original vote of James Curtin as Fire Warden and Charles Slater, Jr. as Deputy Fire Warden, Chris Johnson seconded, no opposition.

Gerard Miller made a motion that Fire Warden be Charles Slater, Jr. and Deputy Fire Warden David Garner, Christopher Johnson seconded. Peter Curtin - Nay.

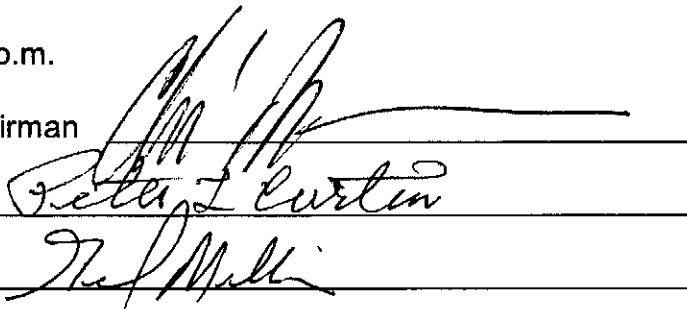
Christopher Johnson stated that the Fire Company has created a rift in town and hoped after the appointments that it may be a time for healing. He further stated that the Selectmen asked the Fire Company for their minutes and the board of Selectmen were denied the minutes from the Fire Company. Christopher also stated that this is a quasi-gray area as the Fire Company is beholding to public funds and yet also wants to stay private.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Peter Curtin, Clerk

Gerard Miller, Member



The image shows three handwritten signatures written over horizontal lines. The first signature is for Christopher Johnson, the second for Peter Curtin, and the third for Gerard Miller. The signatures are written in dark ink and are somewhat stylized.